

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday - 9am & 11am

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15am

Tuesday - 6:45pm

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days

Eve - 6:45pm

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

Confessions

Saturday - 3pm until 4pm

Rectory Hours (Summer)

Monday - Friday

9am-3pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz
Pastor

Deacon Don Brandt
Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki
Retired Permanent Deacon

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

Melissa Wensing
Business Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 -

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 -

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Kathleen Viancourt

*11:00AM - Rev. James J. Vesely

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 -

WEEKDAY - LABOR DAY

9:00AM - People of the Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 -

WEEKDAY

6:45PM - Rich Hovan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 -

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 -

ST. PETER CLAVER

8:15AM - Nancy Folcik

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Bob Bonus

4:30PM - Mother's Day Enrollment

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 -

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Paul O'Neil

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for August 28th \$3,334.40

Maintenance \$1,550.00

Student's Weekly Offering (17 Envelopes)..... \$117.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register on the website or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the area, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30PM or during any weekend liturgy. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify you, and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

We seek to:

Celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist, his work and the community.

Pass on our faith and tradition.

Strengthen, love and support all of God's people

Nurture our gifts and share them with others.

Invite and welcome all who are in need of God.

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions? Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The rectory will be closed on Monday, September 5th due to the observance of Labor Day and

Mass will be at 9am on Monday, September 5th.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The *Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time* continues our journey into the “*tougher areas*” of our faith and relationship with **God**. The readings these past few weeks have been growing more and more challenging. The *raw examples and statements* that **Jesus** has been using might really leave us questioning – is it all worth it?

The **First Reading** from the *Book of Wisdom* simply challenges us with asking, “Who can know **God’s** counsel, or ... conceive what the **Lord** intends?” This passage tells of the earthly and the heavenly. Leading into **St. Paul** asking **Philemon** to put the earthly things aside and welcome **Onesimus** back as a free man, not as a slave. **Jesus** continues with the message of the challenges of discipleship. Using the language of extremes, **Jesus** says we need to renounce all our possessions to follow him. Now let us remember though, it is all done with **God’s endless mercy and the help of the Holy Spirit**.

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

The tough times are moving into the change of the seasons now with the movement back into the classrooms and adjustments of the kids and grandchildren moving around again. I want to be sure to thank all of the many volunteers who worked so hard this year on the “**Summer of Fun Tour 2022**”. The many events would not have been possible without the planning, work, and support of all the volunteers and benefactors. Without these many people, it simply would not have been possible. *YOU ALL KNOW WHO YOU ARE!* So, respecting the humility and smirks, I simply say “**Thank You ALL!**” We are in fact growing as a parish and together as a family of faith. Keep a look out for the fall activities and the school and sports fun here at St. Thomas More!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of

Barb Bonus.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember, if you take any pictures, send them in to the rectory.

THANKFUL CORNER

Thank you to the St. Thomas More School administration for all of their hard work getting ready for a new school year. It's exciting to welcome everyone back. God bless you on your new school year.

What a great turnout last Sunday for the outdoor Mass, backpack & field blessing & cookout. Thank you! A great big thanks to all those who volunteered to make the day such a success.



I - Ashley Butler (St. Thomas More) & Alexander Veltre

VOCATION CORNER**Seminarians at Borromeo & St. Mary Seminary**

To learn more visit borromeoseminary.org and stmarysem.edu. Please keep all of the Seminarians and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

SAINT QUOTE

“To love God as He ought to be loved, we must be detached from all temporal love. We must love nothing but Him, or if we love anything else, we must love it only for His sake.”

St. Peter Claver (1580-1654),

Jesuit Priest, Feast Day: September 9th

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of servers (adult or children - third grade and up please). If you are interested and feel the call to serve, please see Fr. Mike or Deacon Don or call the rectory. Training sessions will be scheduled soon.



Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Frank Bielski, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara & Lloyd Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Kellie Butler, Louie Catania, Jeremy Cheetham, Carol Cushler, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana Downes, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sr. Carole Anne Griswold, HM, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoed, Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Louie Kazimer, Tom Knippenberg, Melissa Korhely, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Martha & George Kysil, Babs Lowe, Madonna, Scott & Family, Jane McClure, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, Carol Meredith, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Mary Ellen Popovich, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Jennifer Stancato, Justine Steadley, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Conrad Wallen, Wayne, Sindy Webb, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Betty Wozniak and Marian Zawadzki. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list until you call to have them removed.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Mrs. Gerry Wearsch (mother of Rev. Ron Wearsch), Margaret Kerber and Rev. Russell P. Lowe in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 11th for the Women's Guild Oc-TEA-ber Luncheon!



Congratulations and welcome
Frank Ray Romanello who was baptized on
August 28th at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are interested in getting your child baptized, please call the rectory to begin Baptism preparations. Baptism is an important opportunity to not only bring a new member into our Catholic family, but also starts parents on their journey of passing their faith on to their child.

FAITH FORMATION

PSR - Registration for the 2022-2023 Parish School of Religion school year is now open. Forms are available in the rectory or by contacting psr@stmparish.net.

RCIA - Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? Is so, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414 or see Fr. Mike or Deacon Don.

CONFIRMATION 2023

If you will be in the 8th grade for the 2022-2023 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net

FIRST COMMUNION 2023

If your child is not enrolled in PSR or the day school and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please email psr@stmparish.net.

BOOK STUDY WITH BETH BRANDT

Living Joy by Chris Stefanick is the new six-week book study that will begin on September 27th after the 6:45pm Mass. There are only **8** books left! Contact the parish office to sign-up and receive a copy of the book. All are welcome!

CHOIR RETURNS!

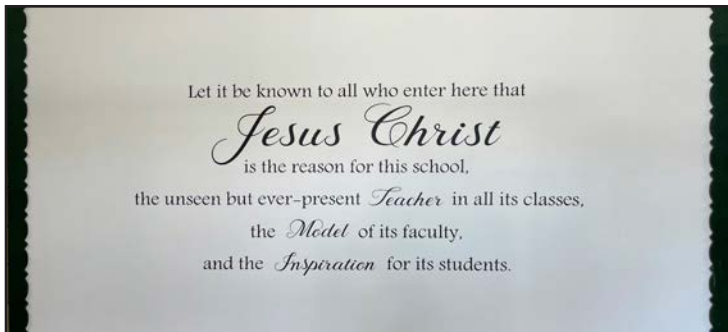
Choir rehearsal will begin this Wednesday, September 7th at 7pm in the church. Information letters were mailed to everyone who indicated their interest. If you did not receive yours, or if you are interested in joining, please email musicministry@stmparish.net.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

On Monday, August 29, 2022, St. Thomas More School opened its doors for the 2022-2023 school year! It was such a joy to have children back in the building! Over the summer, under the direction of Mr. Eddie Combs, the maintenance staff worked incredibly hard remodeling four of our classrooms, painting, laying carpeting, scrubbing walls, etc. Utopia Hall bathrooms were gutted and updated, and the hall was painted. Floors were stripped, waxed, and buffed. Air conditioners were installed in the main office, principal's office, and the kindergarten classroom. These men and women completed quite the "To Do" list!

The parents and students returned to a welcoming, clean, updated building. Thank you to the head of the painting crew, Daedra Meyers, who installed our beautiful new bulletin board, greeting everyone who enters the building.



Please know that the students and staff remember our parishioners in prayer every morning! Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support of St. Thomas More School.

Peace,
Ms. Meg Cosgriff
Principal

ST. THOMAS MORE WALK-A-THON

On Friday, September 30, St. Thomas More will be holding its inaugural Walk-a-Thon! We are very excited about this fundraiser because funds will be used to continue the capital improvements in the school.

Our fifth through eighth grade classrooms look wonderful with their new paint, carpet, and fans! If you would like to donate to this awesome cause, please send a check, in any amount, to the school, or use the QR code to reach our donation site.

The students and staff appreciate your generosity!

NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of August – Josephine Oshaben, Anthony Cardinal, Jennifer DiPerna and Logan Cardinal.

ROSARY

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will lead us in the rosary one half hour before all Masses next weekend. Please come early and join us!

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

Abolition of the Death Penalty - We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, invites you to join him for a Celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday, September 24th at 5pm at Resurrection Chapel (The Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe). Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres reception immediately following Mass. Registration deadline is Monday, September 12th, with payment of \$25/person for the reception required in advance. For more information please contact Ms. Mary Lavin, Executive Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at mlavin@milarch.org or at 440-223-6482.



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ST. LEO BUS TRIPS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN AMISH COUNTRY

Monday, November 14th - \$80/person

Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant - included

Shop/Browse: Smuckers

Coblentz Chocolates

Schrock Heritage Village

Tis the Season - receive an ornament

Walnut Creek Cheese

Breitenbach Winery - sample on own

Reservation deadline: Friday, September 30th

LAS VEGAS LIVE! CHRISTMAS REVUE

(Columbiana, OH)

Sunday, November 20th - \$140/person

Dinner Show - included

An electrifying Las Vegas style Christmas show performance of Christmas songs, along with top hits of some of the most legendary Las Vegas singers. A holiday show reminiscent of the Christmas television specials of days gone by.

Firestone Park Christmas Lights

Reservation deadline: Friday, September 23rd

Contact: Sandy Diaddario -216-926-3123

ST. LEO THE GREAT - UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE

Fr. James P. Schmitz will host a Pilgrimage to Italy from March 20 - 30, 2023. \$3,479 from Cleveland (Air/land tour price is \$2,959 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges). Visit Venice - Padua - Florence - Assisi - Rome with Vatican City & a Papal Audience. For a detailed color brochure, please contact Fr. James P. Schmitz at 216-661-1006 or email at jschmitz@leothegreat.org.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Journey to the Holy Land with Fr. Josh Cochran! Along with Deacon Tom Cully from St. Mary Parish in Berea, a group of pilgrims will be seeing sights and praying at special places such as Tiberias, Caesarea, Nazareth, Bethlehem and more. Contact Fr. Josh at St. Charles' parish office, 440-884-3030, or go to magitraveline.com/holy-land for more information.

MQP NIGHT AT THE RACES

Join us on Saturday, October 8th in the Parish Hall for the Night at the Races. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information please call Judy Wrenn at 216-741-3685.

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? (Wis 9:13)

Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother. (Phmn 9:15-16)

Gospel:

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:33)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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PARISH FESTIVALS

Mark your calendars for the following events:

108th Feast of St. Rocco - The Drive-Thru will be September 2nd thru September 5th from 11am - 8pm

St. Stanislaus Polish Festival - October 7th - 9th